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Via Facsimile

Alva E. Smith Federal Election Commission 999 E. Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: MUR 5406

Dear Ms. Smith:

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On behalf of my client, Citizens for Hynes, I write in response to Mr. Iordan's correspondence regarding the Complaint in the above-referenced matter, which we received on December 13, 2004. Although Citizens for Hynes is not listed as a Respondent in the Complaint, it has been requested to respond to the Complaint by December 27, 2004. I write to request an extension of 21 days in which to respond to the Complaint, until January 18, 2005. I am requesting the additional time since the Complaint was served on Citizens for Hynes in the middle of the holiday season. Consequently, certain individuals whom I need to consult regarding this Complaint are unavailable, making it impossible to prepare a substantive response within the stated 15 day deadline.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this request. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Very truly yours,

Michael T. Beirne

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cc: Jeff S. Jordan, Esq.

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